

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 5206

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served September 25, 1997

Application of CARING TRANSPORT,	)	Case No. AP-97-53
INC., for a Certificate of	)	
Authority -- Irregular Route	)	
Operations	)	

By application filed September 22, 1997, Caring Transport, Inc., a Maryland corporation, seeks a certificate of authority for irregular route operations in vehicles with a seating capacity of less than 16 persons only, including the driver.

Applicant proposes commencing operations with one van. Applicant's proposed tariff contains rates for transportation under the District of Columbia Medicaid program and the Maryland Medicaid program. Applicant's rates for transportation under the Maryland Medicaid program include rates for the following:

- \* Medicaid Taxicab Program
- \* Medicaid Non-Emergency Ambulance Transportation Program
- \* Taxi Voucher Transportation Program
- \* Call-N-Ride Transportation Taxicab

The Commission will not approve a tariff based on taxicab rates or cab vouchers.<sup>1</sup> In addition, ambulance service is not "transportation for hire" within the meaning of Compact.<sup>2</sup> Therefore, applicant will be directed to file an amended proposed tariff omitting any references to taxicab rates and ambulance rates.<sup>3</sup>

This proceeding is hereby initiated to determine whether applicant is fit and whether the proposed transportation is consistent with the public interest.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That applicant shall publish once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District, no later than October 6, 1997, notice in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission.

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<sup>1</sup> In re Ellerbe Group Corp., t/a Ellerbe Corp. Transp. Serv., No. AP-96-56, Order No. 4968 (Nov. 14, 1996).

<sup>2</sup> In re Safe Ride Servs., Inc., No. AP-97-03, Order No. 5098 (June 11, 1997).

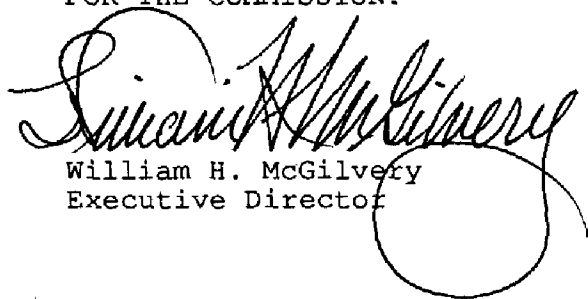
<sup>3</sup> See Order No. 4968 (portion of application based on taxi rates disapproved); In re Safe Ride Servs., Inc., No. AP-97-03, Order No. 5059 (Apr. 21, 1997) (applicant directed to omit references in tariff to life support), aff'd on reconsideration, Order No. 5098 (June 11, 1997).

2. That applicant shall file with the Commission, no later than October 27, 1997, an original and four copies of an affidavit that notice has been published as required in the preceding paragraph.

3. That applicant shall file with the Commission, no later than October 6, 1997, an original and four copies of an amended proposed tariff omitting any references to taxicab rates and ambulance rates.

4. That the deadline for filing protests, comments, applications for intervention, and requests for formal hearing, is October 27, 1997, and that copies must be served on applicant's president, Derege Seifu, 15400 Durant Street, Silver Spring, MD 20905.

FOR THE COMMISSION:



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